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SUBJ: AUTHORITIES REAFFIRM SUPPORT FOR GOB IN FACE OF MENDEZ-  
OVANDO- TORRES " PLOT".

REF: LA PAZ 1434

1. TOP MILITARY AND CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES REAFFIRMED THEIR  
ABSOLUTE SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT BANZER AND GOB IN FACE OF LIMA  
INTERPRESS SERVICE REPORT OF PLAN OF EX- GENERAL MENDEZ AND EX-  
PRESIDENTS OVANDO AND TORRES FOR OVERTHROW OF PRESIDENT BANZER.  
ARMED FORCES COMMANDER ZENTENO ANAYA STATED THAT THE MILITARY  
POSITION WAS " TOTAL AND ABSOLUTE SUPPORT FOR THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF  
GOVERNMENT AND COMPLETE LOYALTY TO PRESIDENT BANZER". MININTERIOR  
ADETT ZAMORA DISMISSED THE THREE GENERALS AS ONES WHO HAD THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO GOVERN BUT HAD FAILED MISERABLY. HE ADDED THAT THE  
MENDEZ' " PROGRAM" WAS IN FACT ALREADY BEING IMPLEMENTED BY THE  
PRESENT GOVERNMENT. MININFORMATION FORTUN STATED THAT BOLIVIAN  
REALIZE THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT IS A POSITIVE ONE WHICH IS  
SOLVING BOLIVIAN PROBLEMS, AND THAT THE THREE GENERALS " WOULD NOT  
POSE ANY DANGER TO THE STABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND TO SOCIAL  
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AND POLITICAL PEACE". FPN SECRETARY GENERAL PONCE SAID THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT " HEADED BY PRESIDENT BANZER WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE TWO POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE INSTITUTIONAL BACKING OF THE ARMED FORCES IS STRONGER THAN EVER".

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE MENDEZ- OVANDO- TORRES " PLOT" IS CONSIDERED LITTLE MORE THAN PRESS COMMENTARY, IT SERVED AS A SPRINGBOARD FOR ANOTHER PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENT ON THE SOLIDARITY OF THE GOB, AND A REMINDER THAT THE LEFTISTS ARE STILL ON THE SCENE. IT ALSO SERVED AS BASIS FOR A HOY EDITORIAL CONTRASTING THE POSITIVE LABOR OF THE BANZER REGIME WITH THE " CHAOS AND ANARCHY" OF THE TORRES AND OVANDO REGIMES, IN WHICH HOY CONCLUDED THAT ALL BOLIVIANS ARE UNITED BEHIND THE GOB.  
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